

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the Abstract at page 34, lines 4 through 11 with the following amended Abstract:

5     ~~The present invention is generally an~~ An apparatus and method for regulating data  
a flow of information based on a position of a key in a lock assembly is presented. ~~More~~  
~~particularly, an illustrative embodiment includes a mechanical lock is activated by~~  
~~turning a key to an enabling or disabling position.~~ Depending on a position of the key in  
the lock assembly and data flow rules, an electronic circuit ~~enables~~ regulates a flow of  
10     data to a target network. Data flow rules may be based on session type, transmit time,  
target address and password.